IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 2109 Brent Russell Phillips

§ š Examiner: Saeed Mirzadegan Serial No.: 10/660,289

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SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW ON MAY 31, 2007

This paper provides a summary pursuant to MPEP 713.04 of a telephonic Examiner Interview conducted on May 31, 2007 between the examiner Saeed Mirzadegan, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Assouad, and the attorney for the applicant, Jeffrey Schubert. The interview was conducted after the mailing of the Non-final Office Action on January 31, 2007, and focused primarily on the 103 claim rejections relating to claims 1, 7, 9, and 15-20 in light of McGann, as well as 101 rejections relating to radio waves and 112 rejections related to the definition of "thread".

Applicant discussed differences between McGann and the instant claims and, in particular, the assumption made in the Office action to reject the independent claims. No agreement was reached other than a general agreement to look more carefully at McGann based upon our discussions interview and arguments as written in the formal response. Furthermore, Examiner and his supervisor indicated that the context of the specification for the term "thread" as pointed out during the interview, may be sufficient for defining the term based upon the discussions during the interview. Applicant and Examiner did not reach any formal agreements.

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